

Gilgamesh Quiz 2

- _____ 1. Which is NOT true of the battle with Humbaba (a) Shamash assists the two heroes (b) Enkidu advises Gilgamesh to kill Humbaba (c) Humbaba retreats to the underworld (d) Humbaba curses Enkidu to bring about his early death
- _____ 2. Which is NOT true of Gilgamesh's meeting with Ishtar: (a) he demands that she return to the Cedar forest (b) she offers him riches and honor if he marries her (c) he criticizes her harshly for her past affairs (d) Ishtar retreats to her father, Anu, in a rage
- _____ 3. Which is NOT true of the Bull of Heaven: (a) Ishtar sent it against Uruk (b) Enkidu held the bull down while Gilgamesh butchered it (c) Enkidu threw its hindquarter at Ishtar (d) the citizens of Uruk protested its slaughter
- _____ 4. After the feast commemorating the death of the Bull of Heaven, Enkidu dreams of (a) his first meeting with Gilgamesh (b) the outcome of the battle (c) the fight with Humbaba (d) a council of the gods
- _____ 5. Whom does Enkidu NOT curse as he is dying: (a) the huntsman who first discovered him (b) Ninsun (c) Shamhat
- _____ 6. Which is NOT true of Gilgamesh's response to Enkidu's death: (a) he urges the people of Uruk to mourn for Enkidu (b) he curses Shamash for letting Enkidu die (c) he cuts off his hair (d) he has a statue of Enkidu made
- _____ 7. Gilgamesh goes on his quest because (a) he has recognized his mortality and wants to find eternal life (b) he wants to bring Enkidu back from the underworld (c) he wants to make Ishtar regret her role in his death (d) he has to get back to the Cedar Forest to undo Humbaba's curse
- _____ 8. Which is NOT true of the barmaid Siduri: (a) she is afraid of Gilgamesh when she sees him for the first time (b) she is concerned that Ishtar will learn of her complicity in the quest (c) she learns of his suffering since Enkidu's death (d) she sends him to Urshanabi

- _____ 9. Which is NOT true of Gilgamesh's encounter with Urshanabi?
(a) Urshanabi advises Gilgamesh on how to prepare to cross the Waters of Death (b) Urshanabi asks Gilgamesh why he is so haggard
(c) Urshanabi explains that once the Waters of Death are crossed, there is no return (d) Urshanabi crosses the Waters of Death with Gilgamesh
- _____ 10. Utnapishtim's overt reason for narrating the story of how he was saved from the flood in order to (a) make Gilgamesh humble before the power of the gods (b) show Gilgamesh that only Ea has enough concern for men to grant immortality (c) intimidate Gilgamesh and put an end to his aggressive behavior (d) tell Gilgamesh how he (Utnapishtim) gained immortality
- _____ 11. In Utnapishtim's story, the gods' reaction to the flood they have sent is (a) to rejoice in the destruction of sinful human beings (b) to urge Utnapishtim to his final safe harbor (c) to cower in fear and distress (d) to call for Utnapishtim to restrain the river
- _____ 12. When Gilgamesh states his desire for immortality, Utnapishtim (a) asks him to stay awake for seven nights (b) calls upon Shamash to grant it to him (c) tells him that the curse of Enkidu is still in force (d) sends him back to Siduri
- _____ 13. Which is NOT true of the plant of rejuvenation that Utnapishtim sends Gilgamesh for when he has failed to attain immortality?
(a) it disintegrates before Gilgamesh can anoint himself with it
(b) he has to tie rocks to his feet and go far under water to retrieve it
(c) a snake eats it while he's swimming (d) Gilgamesh planned to take it to Uruk
- _____ 14. At the end of the epic, Gilgamesh (a) quietly returns to Uruk with Urshanabi (b) goes to live among the gods (c) stays at the ends of the earth with Utnapishtim (d) returns to Uruk after conquering several cities